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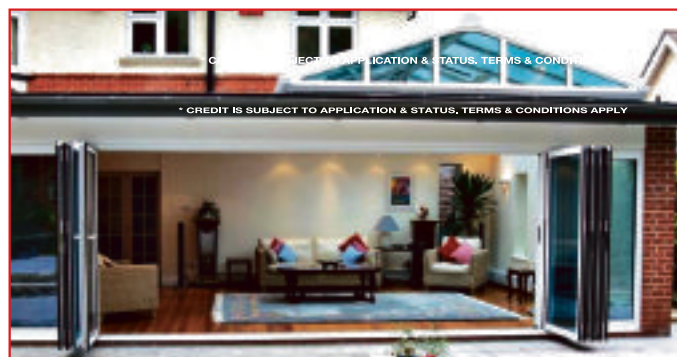
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'We're running out of school places for 2019'

A SCHOOLS shortage in Southend means more than 60 children will not get a place at their preferred catchment area school in 2019.

Southend Council has launched a consultation into proposed changes to catchment areas for Leigh schools to address a projected oversubscription in the number of school places by 2019/20.

A council spokesman said new data suggested that by September 2019, 63 children would be unable to get a place at five schools in Leigh – despite living in the schools' catchment areas.

The council said new births data suggested that 37 children would not get a place at the Chalkwell Hall schools, 19 at Leigh North Street Primary and seven at the West Leigh schools.

In response, the council has proposed two pupil placement models – available online and at interactive sessions – for consideration.

Model A involves a reduction of catchment areas for six schools, enlargement for two schools and small changes to one other school.

Model B proposes that six schools have their catchment areas removed (West Leigh



Photo: Martin Dalton

Cllr Courtenay: "Doing nothing is not an option"

Schools, Leigh North Street Primary School, Chalkwell Hall Schools and Darlington School) and that these catchments are replaced with a 'shared priority' area.

The council spokesman said a formal public consultation on one of these options would take place between October 2017 and the end of January 2018, with new arrangements being in place for reception pupils starting in September 2019.

Cllr James Courtenay, executive councillor for children and

learning, said: "Doing nothing is not an option. Admission arrangements for the Leigh area could be considered unfair by the national adjudicator and challenged locally."

"From 2019 onwards, the births [near] West Leigh Infants, Leigh North Street Primary and Chalkwell Hall Infants all exceed the number of available catchment places."

"When we combine this with the number of pupils that have historically moved into the area, the likelihood of all catchment children gaining a place is significantly reduced."

Cllr Courtenay added that the council understood that school admissions were "an emotive issue".

He said: "We will listen to all views and ensure we involve everyone and develop a fair and balanced approach to admissions which is fit for the future."

The council confirmed there will be a drop-in information session on September 18 from 10am to 3pm at the Civic Centre. Depending on demand other sessions may also be organised.

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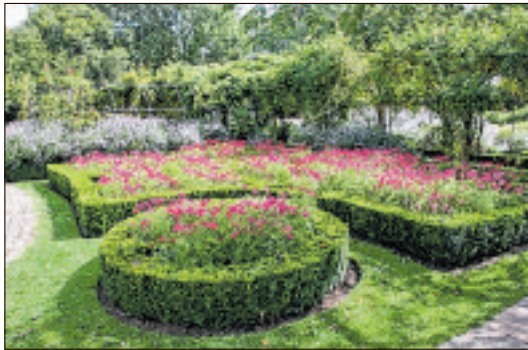
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**AWARD-WINNER: Priory Park in Southend** Photos by Mark Cleveland

We'll keep the Green Flags flying here...

By Michael Coxsouthend@yellowad.co.uk

PARKS and open spaces in Southend, Castle Point and Rochford have been given Green Flag awards that denote a quality park or green space.

Chalkwell, Belfairs, Priory, Shobury and Southchurch parks in Southend were among almost 1,800 parks and green spaces across the country that were recognised with the award.

All five also received Green Flag awards last year.

The award indicates that the park has the highest possible environmental standards, is

well maintained and has excellent visitor facilities.

Cllr Ann Holland, Southend Council's executive councillor for culture, tourism and the economy, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive Green Flag awards again this year."

"We know how much our parks matter to residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining all of our parks and open spaces to such a high standard."

King George V Playing Field in Rayleigh was also recognised with a Green Flag award.

Cllr Carol Pavelin, Rayleigh



Town Council chairman, said: "We are absolutely delighted to receive a Green Flag award for

the fifth year. We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors,

and this award celebrates the dedication that goes into maintaining the King George V Playing Field to such a high standard."

Cllr Dave Sperring, chairman of King George V Playing Field committee, said: "We are pleased to receive this prestigious award for the fifth successive year which very few open spaces in this area have achieved."

A garden in Shobury won a Green Flag community award for the first time.

Growing Together Shobury is a project by charity Trust Links to use gardening to help people with

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The charity's CEO Matt King said: "We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that goes in to developing and maintaining Growing Together Shobury to such a high standard."

"This flag is the reflection of the hard work and dedication of our staff, members and volunteers in Shobury."

Woodside Park in Benfleet was another park to receive a Green Flag while Barling Magna Millennium Wildlife Reserve was awarded a Green Flag community award.

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Captain Sam jumps to front of the queue

Local lad helps Team England reach record medal haul at Commonwealth Youth Games

A SOUTHEND schoolboy is celebrating with Team England after winning gold at the Commonwealth Youth Games.

Sam Bennett, 16, who attends Southend High School for Boys, helped set the record for Team England's best day at the youth games, in the Bahamas, on the fifth day of the event.

On Saturday, July 22, he won gold in the 110m hurdles, with team mate Jack Summers from Stratford-Upon-Avon grabbing silver – securing England's first 1-2 of the games.

Team England went on to achieve its best day ever at the games, with a total of

eight gold, two silver and four bronze medals secured in just one day in the pool, on the track, on the beach volleyball court and in the boxing ring.

Following day five's success, boys' captain Sam said: "I feel amazing. It is so good that the whole team have done well today. It's an honour to be part of the best ever day at a Commonwealth Youth Games, I'm glad I could do my bit."

On Sunday, July 23, the team secured another 11 medals, including seven golds from seven boxing finals. This brought the team's total medals haul to 51 – made up of 23 gold, 16

silver and 12 bronze.

The 23 golds put England in pole position. Then came Australia with 14 golds, New Zealand with eight gold, 14 silver and nine bronze; Scotland with eight golds, six silvers and seven bronze; South Africa with 8 golds, three silvers and seven bronze; Singapore with seven golds; India with four golds; and Kenya with three golds.

Team England's achievement beat the 44 medals it won in Samoa two years ago, and a number of the its junior athletes have already set their sights on the senior games on the Gold Coast next year.



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Centenary boost for Priory Park

SOUTHEND Council has started work on restoring the Priory Park gates – marking a century since the park was gifted to the borough.

A council spokesman confirmed the refurbishment of the gates would be completed by the end of the summer.

The renovation is part of the borough's 125th anniversary celebrations.

Cllr Ann Holland said the gates were an important part of the borough's history – the park was given to the borough by RA Jones in 1917.

Cllr Holland added: "The

works will conserve the gates for future generations and includes replacing the lion statues that originally sat atop each gatepost which disappeared in the late 20th century.

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Revised bid and appeal to be lodged for refused Grand Hotel proposals

A BUSINESSMAN behind rejected plans to redevelop the Grand Hotel in Leigh has vowed to re-submit a revised application as well as an appeal.

Michael Norcross, director of applicant 460 Leisure Limited, outlined his next move after the application to convert the Victorian building (pictured, centre) into 19 flats, restaurants, and a basement wine bar and health club was turned down by Southend councillors.

Planning officer Anna Tastoglou recommended the



council's development control committee refuse the application on July 5. She wrote that the design, mass, scale, siting and size of the proposed fourth floor penthouse roof extension and the scale and design of the mansard roof, would be harmful to the character and appear-

ance of the listed building and the Leigh Cliff Conservation Area.

In another report before the meeting, it was said the application did not include a completed formal undertaking to "secure an appropriate financial contribution to the provision of education facilities in the borough."

Mr Norcross said on Twitter that he had decided to respond "positively and directly" to the council's reasons for rejecting the application, after discussing a strategy with his team following the decision.

He said: "I shall be submitting a revised application which removes the penthouse altogether, and agreeing to pay the education contribution (which in fact I had never refused to do).

"Further to this, I still believe strongly in the merits of the refused scheme and will be keeping my options open by submitting an appeal against the refusal."

He added that the revised application and the appeal will run concurrently.

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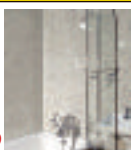
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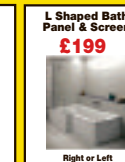
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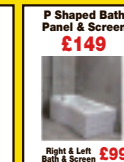
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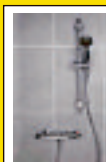
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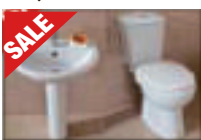


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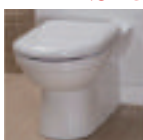
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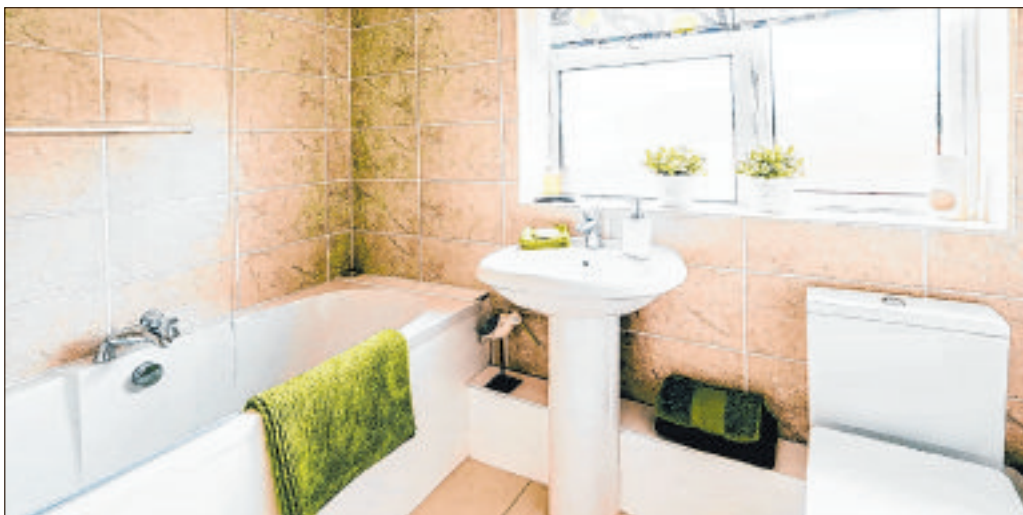
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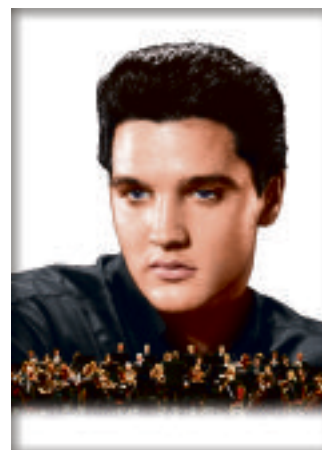
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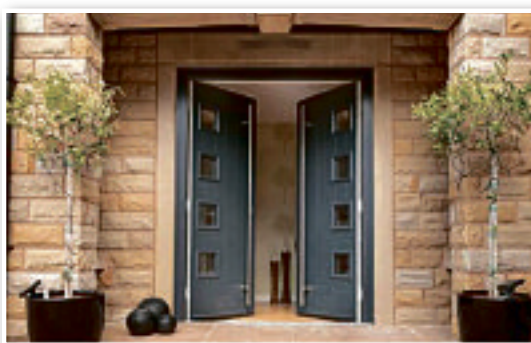


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Spirit's return to old haunt

By Liz Wade

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BACK in 1954, just one year after Canvey's disastrous flood, a new amateur dramatics society, The Dolphin Theatre Group, put on a very successful play – *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward.

Now, after a 64-year break, the play returns to Canvey Island thanks to the award-winning local drama group, Cast & Crew Theatre Workshop, who will be performing the production at Lakeview Hall, in Hilton Road, on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30.

Socialite and novelist Charles Condomine and his wife, Ruth, have invited their friends Dr and Mrs Bradman to join them for drinks and dinner with local clairvoyant – the eccentric Madame Arcati.

Charles plans to observe the behaviour of Madame Arcati during a séance after dinner, to help with the novel he is writing.

For Madame Arcati, the séance proves unproductive and she leaves, unaware the evening's events have conjured a visitor that is about to disrupt the lives of Charles and Ruth beyond all belief – Elvira, Charles's late wife.

Marital hell breaks loose when Charles finally convinces Ruth that there is a ghost in the house – and a very mischievous one. Can Madame Arcati return to help?

Director Rob Simmons said: "Our group likes to try different things, and Noel Coward is far removed from our last play, with its great characterisation and the scintillating dialogue, and of course made



Sarah Lepley as Madame Arcati in Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*

famous throughout the world when adapted for the big screen."

Rob has chosen a strong cast – including Maxine Neal as Ruth, Matthew Willis as Charles, Sally Catling as Elvira, Sarah Lepley as Madame Arcati, Bernie Saxby as Mrs Bradman, Jeff Hodges as Dr Bradman, and Kyla Lupton as Edith – and the production looks set to leave audiences in "high spirits".

It also looks set to follow the group's previous successful productions including *Stags and Hens* earlier this year, and last year's *Smut's Saga* or *Santa and The Vikings*, *Prepare to Meet Thy Tomb* and *Cheshire Cats*. While *Cheshire Cats* equally delighted audience, the production also caught the eye of judges at last year's National Operatic and Dramatic Associations' East Region Awards, during

which it picked up Best Play in the District.

The Cast & Crew Theatre Workshop, which was established in 1999 as an amateur dramatics group for all the people of Canvey Island and Castle Point, is focused on giving its members the chance to take part in plays both on stage as actors and off stage as directors and technical crew.

Since 2004, when both of its co-founders sadly suffered bereavement, members of the group have been collecting at shows for good causes in the community in tribute to people that members of the group have lost.

Through bucket collections at its productions and special fundraising shows, members of the group have raised more than £12,000 over the years, which has all gone back into the community.

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MEMORIES: The Original Dolphin Theatre Group in the 1950s

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Coward's way out

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As well as entertaining the public, providing a dramatic outlet and raising money for local good causes, Cast & Crew has been busy raising awareness and informing the public about the history of the island by performing the factually based plays Flood! by Ray Knight, telling the story of the 1953 Canvey floods, and Canvey's Great War by Martin Lepley, which told the story of Canvey people during the First World War.

Meeting every Tuesday night at St Anne's Church, in St Anne's Road, Canvey Island, Cast & Crew welcome new members aged 18-plus.

As well as rehearsing every week from 7.30pm to 10pm and producing fantastic shows, members also enjoy a thriving social network including visits to other local dramatic groups' performances.

■ For tickets to see Blithe Spirit at Lakeview Hall, Hilton road, Canvey Island, either at 2.45pm or 7.45pm on Saturday, July 29, or at 2.45pm on Sunday, July 30, call Sarah on 07544 273535.

You can find out more about joining the Cast & Crew Theatre Workshop at www.castandcrew.org.uk and the history of The Dolphin Theatre Group at www.canveyisland.org.

THE BIG SICK (15, 120 mins)

JUST when it seemed that heartfelt romantic comedies might be in terminal decline and doomed to labour on life support, along comes director Michael Showalter's uplifting and bittersweet tale of cross-cultural love.

Based on the real-life courtship of Pakistani-American stand-up comedian Kumail Nanjiani and his wife Emily V Gordon, who co-wrote the script, The Big Sick is a small, perfectly formed gem, which is polished to a dazzling glister by a superb ensemble cast.

Nanjiani plays himself to deadpan perfection and he catalyses molten screen chemistry with co-star Zoe Kazan as the luminous object of his awkward affections.

Their fledgling romance is sketched in delicate strokes and when this amour fou hits an almighty speed bump that compels Emily to tearfully confide, "You make me sad inside my heart," we are devastated like her paramour.

The two-hour running time allows Nanjiani and Kazan to populate each unfussy frame with flawed, believable and endearing characters, who don't always know what to say to ease the pain of the people they adore.

Trickles of saltwater tears are mopped up with



Zoe Kazan as Emily and Kumail Nanjiani as Kumail
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Girlfriend in a coma

swathes of sincere, warm-hearted humour.

If laughter is the best medicine then a spoonful of Showalter's film is a tonic that leaves the sweetest feeling.

In 2006, Kumail (Nanjiani) hones his craft on the Chicago comedy scene with fellow stand-ups CJ (Bo Burnham), Mary (Aidy Bryant) and Chris (Kurt Braunohler).

To pay the rent, Kumail works as a taxi driver and he enjoys precious family time with his father Azmat (Anupam Kher), brother Naveed (Adeel Akhtar) and

mother Sharmeen (Zenobia Shroff), who invites a different Pakistani Muslim woman to the dinner table each night as a potential love match.

After one comedy gig, Kumail meets spunky audience member Emily (Kazan) and there is a palpable spark of attraction.

Kumail keeps the relationship secret from his family, then Emily discovers a cigar box filled with photographs of women hand-picked by his mother.

"Are you judging Pakistan's next top model?" she inquires jokingly.

When Kumail nervously explains his parents' presumption of arranged marriage, Emily feels betrayed and tearfully asks, "Can you imagine a world in which we end up together?"

"I don't know," he replies. Soon after, Emily contracts a serious infection and doctors induce a medical coma.

It's left to Kumail to contact Emily's parents, Beth (Holly Hunter) and Terry (Ray Romano), and the trio bond awkwardly in the hospital waiting room and cafeteria.

The Big Sick wears its

easily broken heart on its sleeve and elicits roaring belly laughs from the central duo's predicament.

The script distributes the best lines between the cast, including Hunter and Romano as delightfully protective parents with their own relationship woes.

Director Showalter nimbly sidesteps genre clichés, allowing the pithy and occasionally withering words to speak louder than his actions.

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- Guided walk exploring the Mardyke Valley. Starting at the Davy Down car park off Pilgrim's Way, Grays, 10am, £3.
- Preview – Downstairs at the rear of The RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ. Stuck in the Middle, 8.30pm to midnight. Life membership £1.
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- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
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- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

Saturday, July 29

- Rayleigh History Walk – from Rayleigh Windmill, off Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, 3pm, £2 per person. Details 01268 775328.
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- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.

Sunday, July 30

- Jazz Workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old fire station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Somers Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-3.45pm. £1 each per ride.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am - noon. Membership £3.
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- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, July 31

- Ron Spack's Jazztet – John Sharpe, saxophone, Gareth George, guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching,

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- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service – Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
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- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
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- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
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- Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
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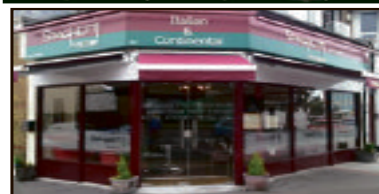
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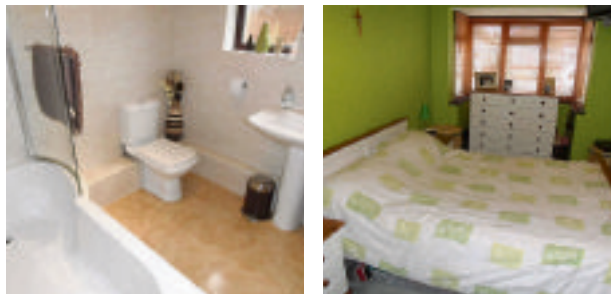
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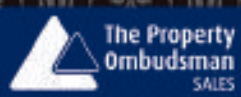
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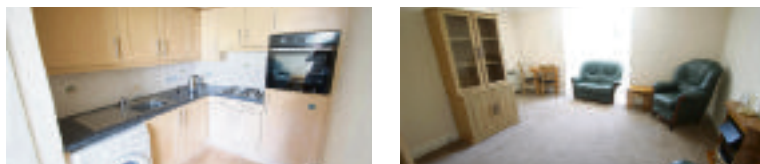
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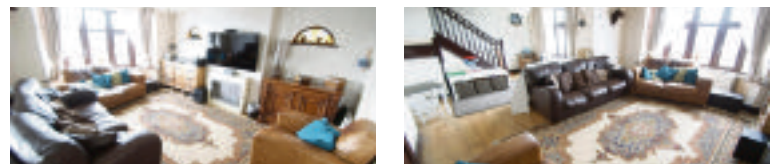
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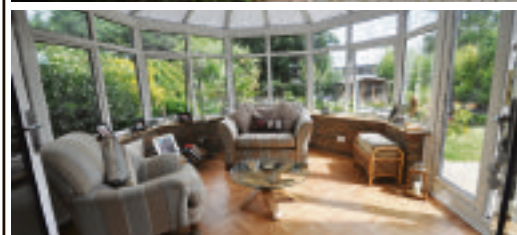
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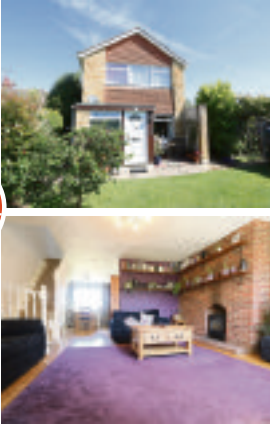
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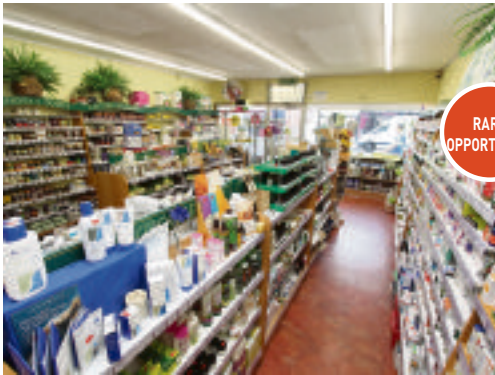
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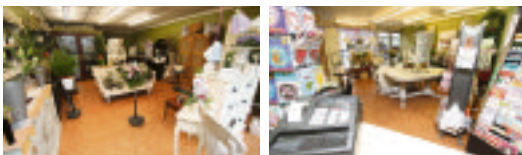
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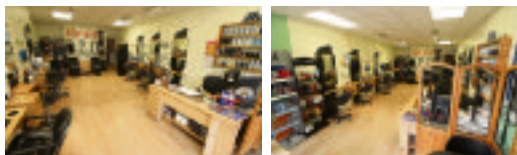


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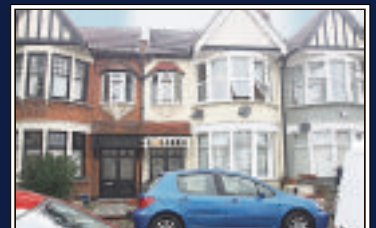
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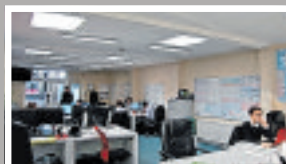
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Vaux Crossland X ticks the boxes

By Enda Mullen

THE all-conquering crossover hasn't quite replaced the family hatchback just yet but its rise has seen what was once the de facto family car of choice for many deposited from its lofty perch.

Ever since the daringly different Nissan Qashqai burst on to the scene, manufacturers have been launch many different takes on a vehicle which looks like an SUV but is about as likely to go off-road as a Rolls-Royce Phantom.

Vauxhall already has a more rugged compact SUV in the shape of the Mokka, which is capable of moderate off-roading but is still essentially a crossover. The slightly smaller Crossland X is a road-going crossover in the true sense and is front-wheel drive only.

Vauxhall is now part of Peugeot/Citroen and the Crossland might be seen as a miraculously quick manifestation of that as it shares its underpinnings with the yet to be launched Citroen C3 Aircross.

In reality the car makers have been working together for quite

some time.

The Crossland is a decent looking car, characterised by flowing design lines that work well.

The Mokka has been quite a hit for Vauxhall and no doubt there's high hopes for the Crossland. It's likely to hit the mark as it offers pretty much all the Mokka does but in some ways more besides.

Although it's marginally smaller it manages to have a bigger boot. It's certainly family-friendly, though Vauxhall say they are also targeting older buyers, to whom the high driving position will appeal and the ease of getting into and out of the cabin.

The Crossland is competitively priced, it starts at £16,555, and tops out at £21,380.

On the inside it feels open and roomy and passengers in the rear are afforded plenty of head and leg room.

One of the options is to have a sliding rear bench which can increase boot capacity from 410 litres to 520 litres for £300.

The Crossland has climate control, alloy wheels, cruise control and LED daytime running lights as standard. Options include a



VALUE FOR MONEY: The Vauxhall Crossland X 1.2 ecoTEC SE

self-parking function, which again may well appeal to more mature buyers. All Crosslands come with Vauxhall's OnStar system – which sees the car become a wi-fi hotspot, with the chance to hook up seven mobile devices.

It also has emergency response notification and stolen vehicle recovery technology.

Smartphone users can connect to their vehicle remotely with a MyVauxhall app, which lets you

view diagnostics, remotely lock and unlock the car, locate it, as well as downloading destinations to the sat-nav system.

There's an entry-level 1.2-litre offering 81bhp and 1.2-litre turbo with petrol direct injection is available in three variants.

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a six-speed automatic gearbox.

The top-of-the-line petrol engine is a 1.2 Turbo delivering 128bhp mated to a six-speed manual gearbox.

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The Crossland offers an acceptable if unremarkable drive. Ride quality is decent enough, though road noise did seem to intrude at higher speeds.

Overall the Crossland X ticks (or should that be crosses) plenty of boxes. It's a nice looking car that's impressively practical and also good value for money.

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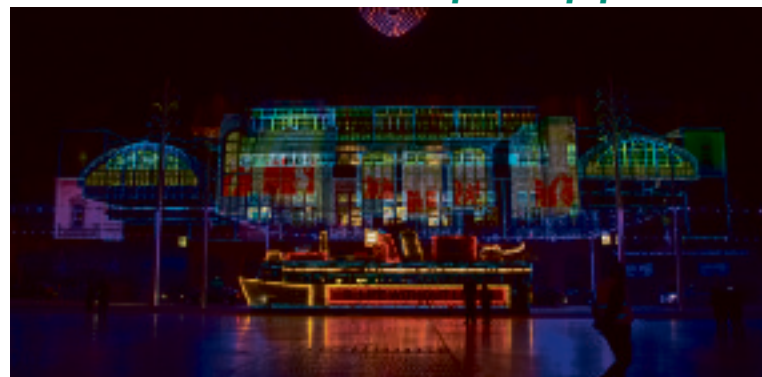
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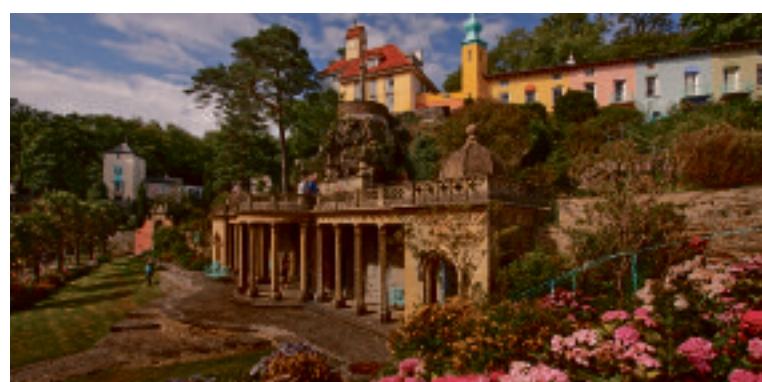
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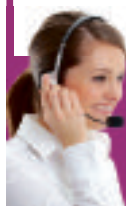
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BOPARA HELPS EAGLES TO WIN

Cricket

**Essex Eagles v Hampshire
NatWest T20 Blast
South Group**

**Brian Jeeves reporting from
the Cloudfm County Ground,
Chelmsford**

**Hampshire 124/9 (20 overs)
Essex Eagles 129/3 (14 overs)
Essex Eagles won by 7
wickets**

ALL-ROUNDER Ravi Bopara took four wickets as Essex Eagles saw off Hampshire to clinch only their second NatWest T20 Blast success of the season.

Bopara finished with figures of 4/19, while Paul Walter took 2/20 as Hampshire were reduced to just 124/9 from their 20 overs.

Michael Carberry top scored for the visitors with 30, while skipper James Vince scored 29.

However, those around them fell relatively cheaply.

On a miserable evening for Hampshire they failed to find the boundary from the middle of the sixth over, leaving them with an uphill task.

Essex knocked off the runs required with six overs to spare.

Bopara fittingly saw the Eagles home with a huge six.

Meanwhile, Dan Lawrence fell



WICKETS: Ravi Bopara

short of his half-century, chipping Shahid Afridi's delivery back at him while on 47.

Adam Wheeler was among the runs for the home side, finishing unbeaten on 44. This could prove to be a big win for Essex as they look to kick-start their season in the shorter form of the game.

After the match Bopara said: "It is

fair to say the confidence has been a little bit low and that is normally the way when you lose a couple of games.

"We needed to get a performance. In T20 cricket if you're not confident from ball one it can be tough.

"This will be brilliant for the boys. It has been disappointing so far, but it's not over."

Essex's bowling was so tight Hampshire were unable to hit a boundary in the final 13 and a half overs of their innings.

A disbelieving Bopara said: "Really? All the way to the end? That's an unbelievable effort.

"That's what wickets do – if you take wickets it puts the batting side on the back foot.

"The opposition will get through a couple of overs and you think, 'Oh my God, we're behind it' and you need to get the run-rate back up – then you lose another wicket and it's downhill from there.

"The timing of the wickets were perfect from everybody today. To keep them down to 124, especially at Chelmsford, is a serious effort."

Hampshire have lost back-to-back games and seamer Reece Topley said: "It is a momentum game. Two games in a row the momentum hasn't been there.

"It was with us in the first three games – it was going nicely, every-

one was hitting their straps, and unfortunately, it hasn't been with us the last two games.

"I can't blame the batsmen because I know how hard the job is, but we haven't yet had a perfect or complete performance from the batsmen and the bowlers."

Essex Eagles: James Foster +, Matt Dixon, Varun Chopra, Simon Harmer, Dan Lawrence, Paul Walter, Mohammad Amir, Ravi Bopara, Adam Wheeler, Ryan ten Doeschate +

Hampshire: Mason Crane, Gareth Berg, George Bailey, Kyle Abbott, Shahid Afridi, Rilee Rossouw, James Vince +, Michael Carberry, Lewis McManus +, Reece Topley, Tom Alsop

Pts: Essex Eagles 2
Hampshire 0

Glamorgan v Essex Eagles NatWest T20 Blast South Group

ESSEX Eagles hopes of recording back-to-back T20 Blast victories were thwarted by the weather on Sunday when their clash with Glamorgan at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff was abandoned.

They were looking to follow up Friday's impressive win, which was only their second of the campaign.

Essex are next in T20 action on Thursday, July 27 (7pm), when they take on Middlesex at Lord's

Pts: Glamorgan 1 Essex Eagles 1

West Ham seal £16m deal for striker Hernandez

WEST HAM UNITED have bolstered their firepower with the signing of Mexican striker Javier Hernandez from Bundesliga side, Bayer Leverkusen.

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid frontman arrives at the London Stadium for £16million and follows hot on the heels of the capture of Marko Arnautovic from Stoke City for a club record fee of £24m.

The 29-year-old, who is Mexico's

all-time leading goalscorer, joins the Hammers on a three-year deal.

Hernandez told the club's website: "I am very happy to join West Ham United.

"For me, the Premier League is the best league in the world and when the opportunity came, I was desperate to sign for this club.

"It was not a difficult decision. West Ham is a historic club, and very ambitious – this summer you can see with the players signed that

they are looking to have a very good season.

"I've had three fantastic years playing in Spain and Germany, but England was really the first big chapter in my career and I am so happy to be back.

"I am desperate for the season to start and to help the team achieve all their objectives."

Hammers Joint-Chairman David Sullivan added: "We are delighted to welcome Javier as the latest fan-

tastic addition to the West Ham United squad.

"Following the arrivals of Pablo Zabaleta, Joe Hart and Marko Arnautovic, he is another top class professional who brings great experience and quality to the club.

"We now have some fantastic options in attacking positions and, like all West Ham fans, I am looking forward to seeing Javier score goals in a claret and blue shirt next season."

Blues face tough test at Ebbsfleet

**Ebbsfleet United 1
Southend United 1
By Brian Jeeves**

SOUTHEND United faced their toughest pre-season test to date as newly promoted National League outfit Ebbsfleet United held the Blues at Stonebridge Road.

Trialist Amadou Ba saved the Blues blushes with an equaliser 15 minutes from the end, this after Darren McQueen had given Ebbsfleet the lead shortly after the hour mark.

Speaking to the club's website after the match, Blues manager Phil Brown said: "As I've said many,

many times it's a means to an end.

"Everyone looks at results. OK, it's nice not to get beat I suppose.

"Both teams had opportunities, we could have won the game comfortably, they could have nicked it, whichever way you want to look at it, but I don't want to read into that too much.

"If anything we need to sharpen up in front of goal because when their chances come along, if you take them in league games then, with the experience that we've got in this team, you can actually coast through a game and win them comfortably instead of extending yourselves for

90-minutes trying to win a game.

"These are all key factors to hopefully how the season pans out but we have to sharpen up a little bit in front of goal.

"That's the only criticism I have of the team."

Brown continued: "There's a lot of league experience here in the opposition today and it was a step up in terms of the challenge from the games that we've played so far.

"They're having a go, Ebbsfleet. I'm more than impressed by the set-up here.

"They're going to have a go and see if they can get promoted again

and if you get back-to-back promotions before you know it you're playing league football.

"They've got a lot of league experience and that for me was the key to us getting something from the game."

Ebbsfleet United: Ashmore, McCoy, Connors, Winfield, Powell, Weston (Graham 79), McQueen (Shields 79), Payne, Mills, Magri, Coulson. Subs not used: Miles, Kedwell, McLean, Cook, Mambo, Miller-Neave

Southend United: Oxley, White, Matsuzaka (Demetriou 62'), Ferdinand, Hendrie (Kyprianou 46'), Bridge (Cox 62'), Leonard, Timlin (Yearwood 75'), Knightly, Fortune, Robinson (Ba 68'). Subs Not Used: Smith, Klass, Cotton, McGlashan, Bwomono. Attendance: 689

Non-league round-up

Jobi is back to give O's boost

By Brian Jeeves

NATIONAL League Leyton Orient have added Jobi McAnuff, Craig Clay and Romuald Boco to the squad.

Midfielder McAnuff, 35, spent two years with the O's between 2014-16 making more than 50 appearances. He enjoyed spells with Wimbledon, Cardiff City, Crystal Palace, West Ham United, Watford, Reading and Stevenage, and has also been capped on 30 occasions for Jamaica. He returns to E10 on a one-year deal.

Clay, 25, who made 39 appearances for Motherwell last season, links up with the O's on a two-year deal. He spent time with Chesterfield, York City, FC Halifax Town, Workop Town and Grimsby Town.

The defender represented England C during his time at Grimsby. Boco arrives at Brisbane Road on a two-year deal having parted company with Sky Bet League Two outfit Accrington Stanley. The 32-year-old becomes the O's 11th summer signing.

Benin international Boco joins Orient after three spells with Accrington. He started his career with Chamois Niortais before joining the east Lancashire side in 2005.

Canvey Island have announced that striker George Sykes has rejoined the club a month after linking up with National League South side, Braintree Town.

Despite finding themselves relegated last season, Sykes scored 21 goals for the Gulls.

Ilford FC have been successful in their appeal to remain in the Essex Senior League. The Foxes were expelled following a meeting of the league's member clubs for the alleged failure to pay subscriptions and fines. But the Cricklefield Stadium club were reinstated to the ESL following an independent hearing at the Football Association's headquarters at Wembley Stadium. Ilford lost 5-1 at Felixstowe & Walton United in their latest pre-season friendly.

Ex-Maldon & Tiptree striker, Liam Nash, has landed a contract with Sky Bet League One Gillingham. The frontman, who bagged 37 goals for the Jammers in the last campaign, links up with the Gills on a two-year deal. Nash, who also spent a spell with Great Wakering Rovers, scored twice for Gillingham in a 12-0 pre-season friendly victory over Chatham Town.

ProKrit UK Essex Olympic League outfit Southend Sports took on Essex Senior Leaguer's Hullbridge Sports at Cupids Country Club. The ESL club grabbed the spoils from what was a well-contested match thanks to a goal from Ronnie Pallet shortly before the half-hour mark.

Bostik North outfit, Canvey Island, were beaten 2-0 by Belgian third tier side Patro Eysden Maasmechelen at Park Lane on Friday. National League South side, Braintree Town, lost 3-0 to a strong Colchester United side. Sammie Szmodics bagged a brace, while Louis Dunne was on target for the Sky Bet League Two outfit

Chelmsford City won 2-1 over Bostik North side Thurrock at Ship Lane. Kane Haysman and Oyengua were on target for the Clarets, Jordan Clarke replied from the penalty spot for Thurrock.

Billerica Town won 6-2 at Bishop's Stortford. Sam Deering (2), Danny Waldren, Joe Ellul, Billy Bricknell (penalty) and Louie Theophanous were all on target for Town, while Matt Tapley and Ryan Richefond responded for Stortford.

Concord Rangers lost 2-0 to Margate at the Aspect Arena. Frannie Collin and a Jack Evans penalty ensuring the Kent side a victory.